

Faculty of Health and Care Newsletter – May 2026

It is great to see that the NHS England professionalism announcement is already making a difference in the NHS, with CIOs and CDIOs taking up professionalism themselves and making it a core part of the professional development of their teams, for example, identifying professionalism leads and champions.

There are, however, important challenges ahead. Expectations need to be implemented consistently across regions and organisations, and line managers need to translate professionalism into meaningful workforce conversations rather than a compliance exercise.

Clinical members of BCS value the opportunity to develop their digital skills, but there is also ongoing work needed to ensure clinical digital professionals who already hold other registrations experience this as alignment, not duplication. This is something NHS England are investigating with the professions.

In this edition of the newsletter there are details of further events focused on professionalism, which we hope you will find of interest. Do join us too for the Faculty of Health and Care Annual Conference on 30th June to learn and network with other health and care professionals.

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Will Smart, Chair, Faculty of Health and Care Board

NHS England Announcement on Professionalism – FAQs and further webinars

The webinar with FEDIP on 17 April was very well attended and there were some excellent questions raised about NHS England's announcement about professionalism. We have developed some FAQs which you can find on the website here: <https://www.bcs.org/membership-and-registrations/get-registered/federation-for-informatics-professionals-fedip/>. If you have any questions which aren't covered in the FAQs, please contact jan.hoogewerf@bcs.uk and we will respond and add them in.

There are other opportunities to find out more about the NHS England announcement and what it means for you. We have another webinar in collaboration with the NHS Digital Skills Development Networks on 10 June – please join us to find out more and get your questions answered. DSDN members can register here:

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/339042262277891?p=JmJw2ZdUn2qtnBvai3>

BMJ Health and Care Informatics Journal

As a BCS Member, this is your journal. Over the past few years the Journal has gone from strength to strength and is a great source of evidence based good practice.

Discounts are available to BCS members who publish in the Journal:

<https://www.bcs.org/about-us/learned-publishing/bmj-health-care-informatics/>

[BMJ Health and Care Informatics](#) is also looking for reviewers. Please join our effort to empower our BCS Faculty of Health and Care journal. To find out more watch the [webinar](#) and if you are interested go to the author hub of the BMJ HCI or email elly.an@port.ac.uk

New IG guidance available from NHS England on Ambient Scribing Products

The new national guidance sets out detailed information governance considerations for organisations adopting an AI-enabled ambient scribing product; providing practical advice for healthcare professionals and IG teams, along with content that can be shared with patients. A template Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) is also included for IG professionals to download. Read the guidance:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/adopting-ambient-scribing>

Updates to the ambient voice technology (AVT) supplier registry

A national self-certified registry for AVT suppliers opened to NHS buyers in January 2026. These suppliers self-certify that they meet the required capabilities and technical standards following publication of a supplier advert in autumn 2025.

There are now 21 suppliers on the list. The list and accompanying repository of evidence, will be updated as new applicants are added. Read more: <https://digital.nhs.uk/adopting-ambient-scribing>

Survey into patient use of AI to manage their health

If you use AI to manage your health, please complete this survey:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/portsmouth/exploring-patient-use-of-ai-in-health-management> This research is a collaborative effort between the [University of Portsmouth](#) and [Curistica](#), which is a clinical innovation consultancy. The aim is to explore how individuals use artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to manage their health. By understanding patient attitudes, experiences, and the impact of AI in healthcare, we hope to provide valuable insights that inform future advancements in this field. Your participation is key to the success of this research.

Events:

Tuesday 19 May 12.00 to 13.00, webinar FEDIP Application Workshop. This webinar takes you through the process of applying for FEDIP registration and provides advice and tips on applying. Register: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-england-professionalism-announcement-what-it-means-for-you-tickets-1985821214710?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

27 May 12.00 to 13.00 Unlock the future of the digital workforce – digital apprenticeships. This webinar has been arranged in collaboration with the Digital Skills Development Networks (DSDNs). Attendees will gain practical understanding of the apprenticeship reforms, the apprentice experience, and how to use the NHS England digital apprenticeship toolkit to confidently implement digital apprenticeships. DSDN members can register here:

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/357281627494541?p=VQdZmkecz3i0Ry8xw>

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Tuesday 2 June 12.00 to 13.00 Insights into industry trends in digital skills requirements. This webinar provides insight into evolving DDaT and broader digital skills requirements across the NHS, including the impact of the 10 Year Plan, with a look at current industry trends and the ICDL pilot programme. DSDN members can register here: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/387369922849827?p=upm0CWZ00aNMaU4gVy>

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10 June 12.00 to 13.00 NHS England's professionalism announcement and what it means for you. This webinar explains the NHS England professionalism announcement, what professional membership and registration mean, and the benefits of and the practical steps to apply for professional registration. DSDN members can register here: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:**

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17 June 2026 Advancing Digital Transformation in Health and Care: Harnessing the Power of Computable Knowledge, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS. The conference will address current progress and issues in the development and deployment of computable knowledge in UK health and care. Find out more and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/june/computable-knowledge-for-digital-transformation-in-he...>

Monday 22 June 12.00 to 13.00 Digital Professionalism with the BCS Faculty of Health and Care This webinar highlights why professionalism matters, the support BCS offers for career development, and how the BCS Faculty of Health and Care and professional registration can support digital careers. DSDN members can register here: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentnetwork.com/index.php> If you aren't a member of a

DSDN you can join using this link: **Microsoft Teams meeting Join:**

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30 June 3rd Annual Faculty of Health and Care Conference at BCS London, 25 Copthall Avenue, London EC2. The conference theme is 'Collaborate, Learn and Professionalise'. We will have two main streams: developing the digital profession, policy and safety and AI, regulation and good practice. You can see the programme and register here: <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2026/june/hybrid-bcs-third-faculty-of-health-and-care-conference-2026/> If you are interested in sponsoring the conference, please contact jan.hoogewerf@bcs.uk

If you have any events for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact elly.an@port.ac.uk